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Subject: Re: Casey Calls for DHS Oversight of Chemicals that Were Shipped to PA Following West Virginia Spill

Thanks Jackie,

I appreciate the information.

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Hi Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy - I wanted to make sure you had a copy of the letter we sent to DHS. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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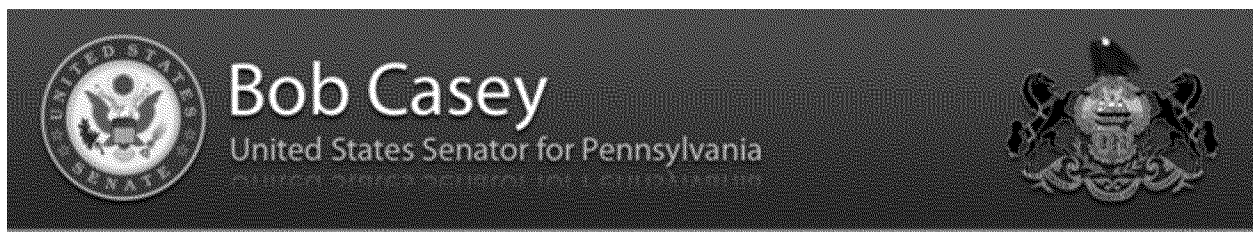
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Casey Calls for DHS Oversight of Chemicals that Were Shipped to PA Following West Virginia Spill

Spill of MCHM in West Virginia Barred 300,000 Residents from Using Tap Water

*After Chemicals Shipped to Armstrong County, Casey Asks DHS to Take Steps to Protect State
Systems, Food and Prepare First Responders*

Washington, DC- Today, U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) announced that he has sent a letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson calling for oversight of chemicals that were shipped to Pennsylvania following a massive recent spill of 4-Methylcyclohexanemethanol (MCHM) in West Virginia barred 300,000 residents from using tap water. Residents concerned. Following the spill, MCHM from West Virginia was shipped to Armstrong County. In his letter to Secretary Johnson, Casey calls for the agency to take appropriate steps to protect Pennsylvania's drinking water and ensure emergency responders are on preparedness for any event that should arise.

"It's essential that all precautions are taken to ensure the safety of the residents in Armstrong County, and the mill in West Virginia do not repeat in Pennsylvania," Senator Casey said. "I'm calling on the Department of Homeland Security to ensure that all the right plans are in place to prevent a spill in Pennsylvania, protect our drinking water and food and coordinate with state and local officials in the event of a crisis."

The full text of Senator Casey's letter can be seen below:

The Honorable Jeh Johnson

Secretary

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Washington, DC 20528

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to urge you to ensure the safety of Pennsylvania's critical infrastructure in regard to the relocation of 4-Methylcyclohexanemethanol (MCHM) from West Virginia to Pennsylvania. MCHM was the main chemical responsible for the spill in West Virginia.

contamination of water resources in West Virginia. Over 3,000 gallons of this chemical was recently transferred to Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

As you know, the Department of Homeland Security plays a central role in protecting and preserving our nation's critical infrastructure, including our waterways, our food and agriculture sector, and our emergency services capabilities. I am concerned about the impact to these sectors of our critical infrastructure in Armstrong County and the region if there is a repeat of the spill that occurred in West Virginia. The incident in West Virginia barred 300,000 people from using their tap water in order to prevent adverse health effects. Armstrong County is home to numerous waterways in the Allegheny River watershed, which connects to other major waterways, an important source of drinking water for many Pennsylvanians.

All appropriate steps should be taken to safeguard our critical infrastructure. To that end, I urge you to ensure that Pennsylvania's drinking water systems, as well as to safeguard its food and agriculture sectors. Additionally, I urge that the emergency services sector is prepared in the event of an incident, such as the one in West Virginia. As part of that effort, please respond to me with information about what training and grant programs are available for Armstrong County's first responders and officials, so they can access all available resources to prevent and prepare to respond to such a disaster.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I ask you to keep me updated as to what steps the Department of Homeland Security is taking to ensure the safety of critical infrastructure in Pennsylvania and its residents. I look forward to working together to protect Pennsylvanians.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Casey, Jr.

United States Senator

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